

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Woodlands Camp  
Cleveland, GA  
September 24, 2015

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, September 24, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at The Woodlands Camp in Cleveland, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by White County and City of Cleveland.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman James Grogan called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. A quorum was established. The following members were present:

Executive Committee Present

James Grogan, Vice-Chairman  
George Wangemann, Secretary  
Bill Black  
Jim Conley  
Rex Farmer  
Leslie George  
J.B. Jones

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director  
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice-Chairman Grogan asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 27, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by J.B. Jones, seconded by Rex Farmer, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that a training meeting was held on September 17<sup>th</sup> for the new city/county managers in the GMRC area. Those in attendance were Bill Schmid, City of Dahlonega; Charles Cawthon, City of Lavonia; and Darrin Giles, Rabun County. The GMRC staff explained the services that the RC offers to the cities and counties in the Georgia Mountains Region.

### Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed of four checks written during the month of September which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

Quantum Spatial	\$121,437.00
Quantum Spatial	\$276,817.50
Piedmont College	\$41,534.50
Lanier Tech	\$66,880.24

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Annual Meeting Report

Leslie George, Annual Meeting Committee Chair, reported that the Committee had decided on a “Blue Christmas” theme and entertainment has been secured for the December 4<sup>th</sup> event. Council Members were encouraged to secure at least one sponsor for this event due to the fact that the \$40 ticket price does not cover all the cost. The money that is generated goes into the Friends of Georgia Mountains account and any money that is left after expenses are paid, provide the Council with items that can’t be purchased with government funds. A sample sponsorship letter has been sent to all Council Members.

#### CEDS Document

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) document was placed on the table at the August meeting for the Council to review. Council will vote on the document at tonight’s meeting. Rex Farmer made a motion to present the CEDS Document to the Council for their consideration. Leslie George seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### GARC Annual Conference

The Georgia Association of Regional Commissions’ Annual Conference will be held on November 4-6, 2015 for participants who would like to attend. Everyone was encouraged to attend. Great speakers and topics are scheduled for the conference.

#### Appointments to the Council Membership

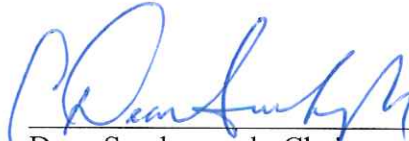
The Regional Commission was notified today that the Governor and Lt. Governor are working to make their appointments next week to the vacancies that are on the Council. Council Members were asked if they know of anyone that would like to serve on the Council to please let the state office know.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

The October Council Meeting will be sponsored by Lumpkin County and City of Dahlonega at Camp Glisson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Leslie George and was seconded by Jim Conley. Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.

  
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Dean Scarborough, Chairman

  
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George Wangemann, Secretary